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SUBJECT: MAY DAY LABOR RALLIES

1. THIRTEEN HUNDRED MAY DAY LABOR RALLIES IN 21 PREFECTURES DREW 2 MILLION PARTICIPANTS THIS YEAR (TOTAL ACCORDING TO NATIONAL POLICE; UNION SPONSORS CLAIMED 7 MILLION.) TURNOUT EXCEEDED 1973 BY 5 PERCENT. LARGEST GROUP, OVER 200,000, ASSEMBLED IN TOKYO, TO HEAR SPEECHES IN YOYOGI PARK, AND MARCH TO DIET BUILDING.

2. ALL RALLIES WERE PEACEFUL AND ACTIVITIES LARGELY PRO FORMA. MAJORITY WERE JOINTLY SPONSORED BY JAPAN'S FOUR TRADE UNION CONFEDERATIONS, SOHYO, DOMEI, CHURITSUOREN AND SHINSANBETSU. FOCUS OF ALL GATHERINGS, ADDRESSED BY UNION AND OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS, WAS ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY POLITICAL, AIMED AT DEFEATING THE RULING LDP IN UPCOMING DIET UPPER-HOUSE ELECTIONS. STANDARD PLACARDS CALLED FOR HALT TO INFLATION, OVERTHROW OF TANAKA GOVERNMENT AND BETTER GOV'T WELFARE MEASURES.
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